

When one door closes, another opens ...

Panzer Bowling Center to shut for renovation, but Kelley facility prepared to fill the gap

By Christie Lawler

Ready. Set. Bowl! In case you haven't heard, Stuttgart's Panzer Bowling Center is closing for renovations April 20. The \$6.2 million construction project includes a complete overhaul of the center from the ceiling to the floor. The facility will almost double in size, and new features will create a family-friendly, smoke-free environment for everyone to enjoy.

What exactly can the community expect to see when the center reopens in August 2004? Well, try this on for size:

- Twenty-four lanes featuring all new equipment (including new Brunswick scoring systems with enhanced graphics)

- A family entertainment center (including a padded "soft play area" for the littlest patrons)

- A party room, meeting room and video game room

- A brand new slot area, complete with all new machines

- A shiny new bar with an expanded snack menu

- Larger restrooms

- A larger bowling counter to accommodate all the additional patrons

- "Cosmic Bowling," which makes everything in the place glow, including those spiffy shoes.

- And, as an added bonus, air conditioning.

That's right, not only will the Panzer Bowling Center be a fantastic place to glide a ball down a glossy lane, but it will be the coolest place to do it as well.

"It's going to be a nice place to come, better for families," said Al Day, 6th Area Support Group bowling manager.

Day will oversee the construction process with the contractors, doing weekly checks and monitoring progress. The results, Day boasts, "will put us a little above the standard." He says he hopes that the renovation will make his center "the premier bowling center in USAREUR."

Day also worked with the interior designers who traveled from the States to assess the needs of the center and its patrons.

In addition to the designers, Day had assistance from Community Family Support Center personnel during the initial process. "This is a very complex deal," he said. "This is major construction."

To celebrate the upcoming renovation, a final blowout

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special is being offered to all bowling fans in Stuttgart. As an incentive to come out and enjoy the final days, the bowling center is offering the "1040 Special."

Designed to coincide with the final days of tax time, the special offers a screaming deal on shoe rentals and game prices. Between April 12 and 20, all shoe rentals are just 10 cents, and customers will pay just 40 cents per game.

This finance-friendly deal culminates in a unique free giveaway April 19 and 20. All customers who bowl during those last two days before the center closes will receive (while supplies last, of course) a free bowling pin as a souvenir to help mark the occasion.

Don't forget, however, that even though the Panzer Bowling Center will be out of commission for the next 16 months, bowlers can still enjoy their sport at the newly renovated Kelley Bowling Center.

Kelley offers six lanes, a brand new snack bar, expanded menu and a light, airy environment complete with slot machines for those who feel lucky.

In fact, the crew of the Kelley Bowling Center invites the community to check out their new place.

Come to the center April 21 to 28 for \$1 games. "Since our renovation, we have a new and expanded snack bar. Everyone should come check us out," said Manager Connie Geisel. "Give us a try."

The Kelley Bowling Center is also offering birthday parties for children and summer leagues for bowlers looking for extra camaraderie. Among others, a German-American mixed league is offered Friday nights.

For details call the Kelley Bowling Center at 421-2559/ civ. 0711-729-2559 or the Panzer Bowling Center at 431-2753/ civ. 07031-15-753.



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Marine Cpl. Deryl Surratt approaches the line during a unit event in the Panzer Bowling Center. The center closes April 20 for renovations.

April bowling specials

The **Panzer Bowling Center** is offering the "1040 Special" to all customers between April 12 and 20.

Shoe rentals are just 10 cents and games are 40 cents each.

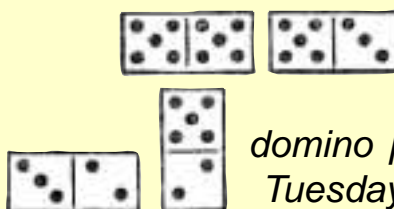
In addition to the discounted prices, the center will be giving away bowling pins as souvenirs to all customers April 19 and 20 (while supplies last). Don't miss this opportunity for some fun for the whole family.



The **Kelley Bowling Center** is hosting a special. All customers will pay only \$1 per game between April 21 and 28. In addition, the center is offering a newly expanded menu, so come on in to bowl a few frames and check out the renovations.

BONES TUESDAYS

The Kelley Club offers domino players a fun and challenging Tuesday night alternative. Come out every week for Bones Tuesdays starting April 15. The fun begins at 7 p.m., so bring a friend and your competitive spirit. Free bar snacks are available.



TV Nite Thursdays

Everybody could use a hearty laugh or two by Thursday. The Kelley Club offers an outlet for all that weekday stress. Come out every Thursday starting April 17 for a night of your favorite shows. Join your "Friends" and relax starting at 6:30 p.m. Free bar snacks are offered.

